

Health Care Resources

	County	Region	State
Persons per Primary Care Physician	1,066	1,776	1,053
Persons per Nurse Practitioner	4,263	7,429	7,134
Persons per Physician Assistant	8,527	15,053	18,664
Persons per Registered Nurse	111	178	106
Females 10-44 per OB/GYN	2,725	4,509	2,100
Persons per Dentist	1,197	2,414	1,853
Persons per Staffed Hospital Bed	239	491	245
Percent occupancy in community hospitals	67.0	57.3	57.7
Person per Staffed Nursing Home Bed	116	119	135
Percent occupancy in community nursing homes	92.6	96.4	93.6
Physician shortage area for OB	YES		
Physician shortage area for Primary Care	NO		

Note: Manpower data are 1996; shortage areas, 1995; facilities, 1994.

Anderson County has one hospital located in Oak Ridge. Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, affiliate of Covenant Health System, is the second-largest employer in Oak Ridge. The Medical Center is a 301-bed acute care hospital staffed by more than 160 physicians representing 30 medical/surgical specialties. Methodist Medical Center is the first hospital to receive the 1997 Tennessee Quality Governor's Award, the highest state award for quality that a Tennessee organization can receive..

Anderson County is also served by five nursing homes with a total of 617 beds. There are approximately 42 primary care physicians serving Anderson County.

Recreation

American Museum of Science & Energy; Big Ridge State Park; Cove Lake State Park; Cumberland Trail; Lenoir Museum; Mountain Lake Marina & Campground; Museum of Appalachia; Norris Lake; Norris Dam; Norris Dam Marina; Norris Dam State Resort Park; Grist Mill; Savage Gardens; TVA River Bluff Small Wild Area; Other facilities include state hunting preserve; TVA lakes and marinas with public boat-launches; white water rafting; sculling; and city/county parks, golf courses, swimming pools, country clubs, theaters, and bowling centers.

B. County Process

The Assessment Process

The Tennessee Department of Health has made a strong commitment to strengthening the performance of the public health system in performing those population-based functions that support the overall health of Tennessee's assessment, assurance and policy development.

Community Diagnosis is a public-private partnership to define the county's priority health problems and to develop strategies for solving these problems. The Anderson County Health Council in collaboration with the East Tennessee Regional Health Office conducted an extensive assessment of the status of health in Anderson County. The health council contains community representatives from various geographic locations, social-economic levels, and ethnic groups. An extensive amount of both primary and secondary data were collected and reviewed as the first step in the process. Major issues of concern identified by the community were perception and knowledge of health problems, which were important factors in analyzing the data